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## 15,000 Expected For Leadership Meetings

An estimated 15,000 people are expected to attend the 75 Leadership Conferences scheduled to be held throughout the state next week, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, sponsor of the fifth annual conferences.

For the first time, this year there will be a conference in every association with a team of three leaders presenting the program.

Those urged to attend the conferences are the officers, leaders and workers from every church, in addition to associational leadership.

Stewardship and missions will be the theme of the conferences, the program in each meeting to be the same.

A variety of selected materials will be distributed to those present at each meeting.

Three principal subjects to be discussed will be "The Elements of a Church Budget," "The Mission Budget of Our Churches," and "Churches Are Stewards Too."

The conferences will be completed this year in one week, with each team of three conducting four meetings, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday night. No meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night.

The conferences will have the effect of launching the 1955 stewardship and mission program of Mississippi Baptists.

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## N. C. Baptists Act To Protect Property Rights

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (RNS)—A model constitution and by-laws for a local Baptist church was distributed at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention here.

The document provides that in the event of a split in a congregation the church property will remain with the group maintaining its Southern Baptist affiliation.

Last year, the Convention (Continued on Page 4)

## Moderators and Clerks Meeting Set For Jan. 24

The annual meeting of the Moderators and Clerks Association is scheduled for January 24, in the Baptist Building. Program will emphasize the Evangelistic Crusade with Dr. C. E. Wilbanks bringing the inspirational message. The work of the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and W. M. U. in preparing for the Crusade will be discussed.

Rev. J. L. Boyd, historian of the Convention will speak on the program. Conferences will be held in the afternoon for Moderators and Clerks. The program will open at 9:30 and close at 3:45.

Rev. T. L. Pfeifer of Meridian is Moderator of the Association, Rev. M. G. Reedy of Ruleville, Vice-Moderator, Miss Ethel McKeithen, Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer and Rev. L. C. Hoff, Columbia, Assistant Secretary.

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## THE TEN BEST STORIES IN 1954

According to a poll of prominent Baptists, male and female, there were 27 top stories in the 1954 issues of the Baptist Record.

Each member of the committee was asked to select the ten most interesting and helpful articles. But the members of the committee did not agree on the same ten stories.

The three stories receiving the highest number of votes were:

"Free Voices for Free People," "Convention Board OK's Million Dollar Drive for Baptist Hospital" and "William Carey is New Woman's College Name."

The next seven stories each receiving the same number of votes were: "What Christian Education Means to Public Schools," "The Cooperative Program Our Financial Bulwark," "Program is Prominent in State Board Report," "Coop Receipts Set Record Gain," "Report of Southern Baptist Convention," "Sullivan Announces Reorganization of Sunday School Board," and "Southern Baptists Get Good Look at Selves."

## Seek 800 Workers For Hospital Drive

Some 800 workers are this week being recruited to conduct the general solicitation phase of the Baptist Hospital Building Fund campaign for \$500,000 in Jackson and Hinds county January 13-21.

This was announced by Henry Hederman and Stokes V. Robertson, Jr., commanders, respectively, of the First and Second Armies of the campaign.

Plans for launching the general solicitation phase of the campaign were outlined Thursday, January 30, at a meeting of commanders, colonels, majors and captains held at the Edwards hotel. The leaders will meet again Thursday, January 6, at 12:15 p. m. at the hotel for a progress report.

Meanwhile, other phases of the campaign are progressing (Continued on Page 4)

## Outstanding Religious Events In '54 Interest Up; Activities Spread; Record Membership

By V. Raymond Edman  
President, Wheaton College

Viewed in the perspective of the past, this year of 1954 shows a marked upswing of interest in religion. If we were to plot the pulse of public attention to matters religious as indicated by objective factors such as church attendance, evangelistic campaigns, space in the press, and the conversation of the man on the street we would observe a low ebb in 1924 which was marked by open skepticism and scoffing at revealed religion; an even lower point in 1934 marked by the prevalence of Marxist philosophy and materialism which had largely silenced the prophets of faith in the days of depression; and 1944 was too pre-occupied with the logistics of global warfare to be able to give much attention to things spiritual. The chart indicates, there-

fore, a very rapid rise in regard to religion by 1954; and from all indications the graph will record even greater achievements in 1955.

There is considerable difference of opinion among evangelicals as to the meaning of this increased interest in things spiritual, or even of its existence. The fact is overlooked by many that times of great spiritual awakening in the past have always been preceded by a period of preparation; and there are some who believe that such are the days of 1954.

Some observers think there is an interesting, nationwide movement which may develop into a revolution in the form of an historic religious revival. Others think the movement occurred some time ago, and has already become a revolution, the effects (Continued on Page 2)

## Leadership Conference Team Captains In Huddle



The cameraman was on the alert and caught a group of the team captains for next week's Leadership Conferences in a huddle at the Baptist Building.

They were busy mapping last minute plans for the fifth annual conferences scheduled to begin Monday. Presiding is W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood secretary, who is assisting Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, sponsor of the meetings.

Left to right, standing: Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary Ru-

ral Church Work Department; Kermit S. King, Training Union secretary, Thomas B. Chaney, Hinds County superintendent of missions; Rev. Lee Gallman, secretary Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Seminaries; Miss Edwin Robinson, state W. M. U. secretary; Charles W. Horner, state BSU secretary, and W. C. Morgan, state music secretary.

Seated: Rev. Joe Abrams, director of promotion; Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, director of evangelism; Dr. Harry Lee Spencer,

secretary Mississippi Baptist Foundation; Mr. Roberts; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor Baptist Record; Rev. Gene Pierce, associate Training Union Department; and Rev. Paul Boothe, associate in Sunday School Department.

Team captains not in the picture include Dr. W. A. Keel, secretary Negro Work department; Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, former Training Union secretary; Rev. Lincoln Newman, Lucedale, area missionary; Rev. R. B. Patterson, Iuka, area missionary; Dr. Quarles and Rev. Joel Ray, R. A. secretary.

## Don't Miss It

Pages 8 and 9 (the center double pages) of this special feature. Don't miss it.



## Outstanding . . .

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of which will have world-wide repercussions.

The fundamental movement in America is a sweeping, powerful, all-embracing religious awakening which, within two years, has entirely changed public affairs. Inasmuch as it is a Biblical revival, it is somewhat naturally, deeply anti-communist in nature. Here are some facts connected with this revolution:

1. Eighty per cent of the adult population of America are now associated with a church; whereas, at the time of the war of independence only eight per cent were churchgoers.

2. Religious books sold three times more copies in 1953 than all other books on all other subjects combined.

3. President Eisenhower has become a convinced churchman, and has only missed four times since his inauguration. He and his colleagues are deeply moved by the revival; Cabinet meetings open with prayer; many senators attend devotional breakfast meetings. Newspapers find a religious topic better headline news than an international crisis.

4. American religious activities are spreading overseas with an extraordinary rapidity. There is a sweeping reaction against secularism and materialism.

Without doubt there is a very marked increase of interest in religion and attention to matters spiritual.

Four outstanding factors represent accurately the religious experience of 1954, in my opinion. They are revival in Britain and America, reaction in the Soviet Union, reunion at Evansston, and relaxation of taxation to encourage religious enterprises.

### REVIVAL

A year ago the name "Harrington" was unknown in America and elsewhere in the world; and was an arena habituated in Britain only by devotees of dog races and boxing. 1954 made it a household name among Christians the world over, because it became during the spring of this year the center of the Greater London Crusade led by Billy Graham.

At the farewell gatherings in New York City and on board the S. S. United States, we shared Billy's burden of heart for Britain. Within a matter of two weeks that prayer burden had been scattered throughout the Christian world, not only in North America and Britain, but also petitions among the evangelicals of Latin America in Spain, Portuguese, and Indian dialects; intercession in a multitude of African languages, in India, Indonesia, and everywhere in the world. Harrington had become the focal point of world-wide prayer.

Of course there was great opposition and grave misrepresentation. The British Christians

were quite unprepared for the outcry in the newspapers: "Billy, go home!" and "Billy, apologize — or stay away." Some members of Parliament refused to attend a House of Commons dinner for the evangelist because of a statement on "Socialism" which proved to be a misprint for secularism. There was exaggeration out of all proportion as to the personality of the evangelist and his purported income; and he was represented as a "Hot — gospeller" (the British equivalent of a "religious racketeer") and a violent anti-socialist.

The Intelligence Digest of London published this statement shortly after the beginning of the Campaign: "We find that: — 1. He is, without doubt, not very partial to Socialism. 2. He is not a hot gospeller — far from it. He is a modest — even humble — man. Young, matter of fact, a Minister of religion, an athlete, easy going. 3. He was invited to London by one thousand British Churches, with very strong Anglican support. He preaches a simple, traditional Gospel, without emotion. Many people in Britain would think his sermons too little polished for their liking. So, too, do many people think Eisenhower's speeches less polished than Churchill's. 4. He is paid the normal salary (and no more) of an American minister or clergyman of any church in a big city.

The Archbishop of Canterbury made later comment: "It is significant to note how, as the campaign has gone on, the suspicions and hostilities which were felt by many at the start, have been steadily dissipated."

The gross attendance at Harrington Arena and the relay services held in auditoriums and theaters throughout Britain to which the message was brought by radio, was in excess of 17,000,000. Every level of society was reached.

The follow-up work was well organized and has been continued since the close of the campaign. Among the reactions and impressions of church leaders it is important to note those of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who declared: "As we thank God for what this has meant to so many, the churches must take a lesson out of it for themselves. So often they do not begin far enough back." They expect people to understand whole sentences of church life and doctrine before they have been taught the letters of the Christian alphabet and the words of one syllable. It is the natural mistake of the keen teacher. Dr. Graham has taught us all to begin again at the beginning in our evangelism and speak by the power of the Holy Spirit of sin and of righteousness and of judgment."

In the Western Hemisphere large evangelistic endeavors have marked the year 1954; not only those of Billy Graham in cities such as Nashville and New Orleans, but also by clergymen such as Merv Rosell and Jack Shuler, and laymen like Howard

## Dr. Fields Names Standing Committees

The following standing committees of the Convention Board have been named by the Board-Chairman, Dr. W. C. Fields.

Committee on Board Organization: Chairman—Troy Prince, Otis Seal, E. Y. Soileau, Joe Hudson and John McCall.

Temperance: Chairman—C. M. Day, W. L. Meadows, R. P. Sugg, W. P. Davis and N. F. Davis.

Assembly Committee: Chairman—Roy Collum, Gordon Sansing, J. Wesley Miller, John Green and T. E. Fant.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from the North Crossroads Church, Tishomingo County. The list was sent by W. R. Dugan, treasurer.



C. Butt of Corpus Christi.

Even in Latin America, in which evangelical missionary endeavor has moved quite slowly in most places during the last century, 1954 was a new day for the Gospel. Evangelist Tommy Hicks of California began services in Buenos Aires with attendance of less than 5000; and this grew to exceed 60,000. On one night in the largest football stadium of the city the crowd was estimated by the local newspapers at 200,000. Eighty thousand and decision cards were filled out by seekers, and the local evangelical churches were swamped with converts and interested individuals. All the Bibles and New Testaments in the city were eagerly bought up, and additional supplies demanded.

In other Latin American countries evangelistic campaigns have been conducted such as in Trinidad, Venezuela, and Ecuador; and others are planned for 1955. Youth for Christ International will hold a gathering in Brazil early in the new year.

### REACTION IN SOVIET RUSSIA

In the past few years the impression has gone abroad through the channels of Soviet propaganda that freedom of religion is now an established fact in the U. S. S. R. Whereas there had been bitter and brutal savagery in the 1920's and '30's against religion in Russia, so that the churches had been confiscated to be used as granaries or museums of the godless, several thousand priests executed or imprisoned until death, the Forties have been marked by some alleviation from anti-religious persecution. The Communist League of Militant Godless had a membership of five-and-a-half-million in 1932; and that had declined to three-million after the

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Shown above are three Mississippians who have applied for graduation from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on January 14, 1955. Left to right they are Marvin A. Crumm, Morton, B. R. E.; Alvyn W. Moore, Pelahatchie, M. S. M.; James R. Skelton, Tupelo, D. R. E.

## Man of Distinction

In an effort to aid the liquor industry in presenting a fair picture of how liquor makes men of distinction we offer the following incident.

According to the Clarion-Ledger, "an 83-year-old Jackson man was critically injured when struck by a weaving automobile as he tried to climb a bank to escape."

The driver of the vehicle fled but was captured in nearby railroad yards. He is in City Jail on a charge of DRUNKEN DRIVING.

He has really proved that liquor makes people men or women of distinction. It doesn't make them always men of distinction as pictured by the liquor industry, but it does make them men of distinction, and sometimes men of extinction.

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## Bethlehem Gets New Ed. Director

Miss Inez Richards has accepted the work as Educational Director of the Bethlehem Church in Jones County and assumed her duties on January 1. She has been a member of this church for many years and was already serving as Training Union director.

Miss Richards, attended Jones Junior College, Mississippi Southern and Mississippi State. She has taught school for several years and at that time served as 4-H Club sponsor. She has also served on the staff of summer camps in the state.

Rev. Warren H. Rush, pastor, states that this is a new position in the staff of the Bethlehem church.

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**TOMORROW YOU LEAD** by G. S. Hopkins, former Sunday School secretary of Texas, is a Sunday School study course-book for Intermediates. Some of the chapter titles include: "Finding God's Standard For Life," "Teaching the Message of Jesus," "Reaching People for Bible Study," "Winning the Lost to Christ," "Viewing our Southern Baptist Sunday School Work," "Tomorrow You Lead." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the Sunday School Board of the SBC, Nashville, Tennessee (50 cents).

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 10 — Rev. D. O. Horne, Tallahatchie County Association of Ministers; Leadership Conferences.

January 11 — Rev. Lowrey Comper, President, Clarke College; Rev. G. C. Clarke, Perry Association Training Union Director.

January 12 — Mrs. Kenneth Clearman, Noxubee Association Brotherhood President.

January 13 — Rev. L. G. Conway, Mississippi Association Sunday School Superintendent.

January 14 — Louise Hill, Baptist Building; H. A. Merritt, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

January 15 — Rev. Carey Cox, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; W. A. Green, Trustee, William Carey College.

January 16 — W. M. S. Focus Week; C. C. Bryan, Education Commission.

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## MISSISSIPPIAN NOW LEADS NEW FLORIDA CHURCH

The friends of Dr. D. A. McCall, formerly Executive-Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and, until recently, connected with the Sword of the Lord Foundation at Wheaton, Illinois, will be interested to know that he is now pastor of the newly organized Calvary Church in Bartow, Florida.

In the past four months there have been 28 additions and several baptisms.

He is also planning a full-scale Christian Workers' Retreat — Bible conferences, social life, fellowship, and recreation.

According to Dr. McCall, "A number of the brethren have told me that they intend stopping by enroute to the SBC in May. Fishing is good in the 200 lakes, plus canals, creeks, rivers, and limepits. I have one tree that exudes fruit juice and thousands that put it out one way or another."

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**ONE SUMMER** written by Georgia Moore Eberling and illustrated by Betty Wind, (Columbia Publishing House, Saint Louis, Missouri) is an interesting book for children. Its 100 pages tell a story of the Mexicans and Indians of the Southwest. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher. The price is 50 cents.



## Our Fourteenth Year

With this issue we begin our fourteenth year as editor of The Baptist Record. For thirteen years we have made the editing of The Baptist Record our main work. The Record has been continually on our mind and heart during these years. The work is interesting, and we hope the Record is helpful.

As we start our fourteenth year, we are grateful to so many for so much. Pastors and laymen all over the state have rendered valuable aid. State workers, as well as Baptist Building workers, have been cooperative and helpful in the promotion of the Record in circulation and editorial content.

We renew our two-fold pledge often made and continually kept.

1. To keep the Baptist Record true to the Bible.
2. To promote the work of Mississippi Baptists and to publish nothing that we think will hurt our work.

We would if we could extend in person our hearty thanks to the multitude of readers who have taken time to write letters of encouragement and approval and even some who have felt it necessary to disapprove. All have been welcomed. They have helped.

We shall try to make the Record more interesting and helpful in the coming year. To aid us in making this wish a fact, we covet the prayers and the continued support of all who love the Lord and the work of Mississippi Baptists.

Help us to make the Record a better paper.

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## I Resolve For 1955

1954 is gone; 1955 is here. We glory in much that was done in '54 but hang our heads in shame because of the many things that we failed to do.

For Mississippi Baptists 1954 was a good year. Financially it was our best, spiritual growth was the keynote in most churches. Tithing has increased beyond our fondest hopes.

But we have not come near our maximum possibilities for God. And we should remember that Baptists are judged by the deeds of all and not by the accomplishments of the faithful and consecrated ones. No chain is stronger than its weakest link.

If we would make 1955 count there are many musts which should have careful consideration.

May we suggest some worthy ones.

1. Make much of God's word. The Bible was written to be read not to be used as a paper weight.
2. Seek to win some unsaved person. We talk long and loud about and for our favorite political candidate. Should we not do as much for him who gave himself for us. There are some people in Mississippi who must be won in 1955 or they will not be won at all. They won't be here in 1956.
3. Be faithful to our church. We mean to its work and all the things that it promotes. The church is the

bride of Christ and demands our fullest loyalty.

4. Establish a family altar. As someone has well said, "The family that prays together stays together." We rarely, if ever, hear of delinquent children or adults coming from Bible reading and praying families.

5. Start tithing now. You should have started sooner. If you did, congratulations! But it is never too late. It will bring improvement both spiritually and financially.

6. Know why you are a Baptist. Learn what Baptists believe and why. Baptist beliefs are Bible beliefs.

7. Consider others. In some cases there are three sides to a question; our side, your side and the right side. Because a person doesn't agree with us is not proof that he is an enemy, radical or sinful. Remember that they might be right. None of us has all the wisdom. Let's look for the good and overlook the bad.

For all of us may 1955 bring more glory to God because we were faithful.

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## N. C. Baptists Take Protective Action

In another column will be found an account of the recent action of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in preparing a model constitution and by-laws for a local Baptist Church. Of course, no church can be forced to adopt this constitution and by-laws, but they are available.

The Document provides that in the event of a split in the congregation, the church property will remain with the group maintaining its Southern Baptist affiliation.

As our readers know, several months ago the church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, withdrew from the association, the State

Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. It made serious, unsubstantiated charges against the bodies named above. The church property, valued at many thousands of dollars, was to be taken over by the dissatisfied group, just leaving the loyal Southern Baptists out in the cold.

The North Carolina Supreme Court has ruled (see Dec. 30 issue of the Baptist Record) that the church property belongs to the group remaining loyal to the Southern Baptist Convention.

This model constitution is offered to any church desiring to use it as a means of preventing such groups from taking over Southern Baptist churches.

But read the article for yourself.

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## Another Course Needed

A number of times during each year we receive a request from some student, sometimes in college, sometime in the seminary, asking for information to be used by said student for a thesis or for some survey. We do not know whether it is because such is not taught or because of carelessness on the part of the writer, but few if any such requests are ever accompanied by either postage or a stamped, addressed envelope.

Ordinary courtesy requires that a person asking for information for himself of such a nature as indicated above should at least send postage, preferably a stamped, addressed envelope.

We suggest that such information be added to some of the courses now being taught in our colleges and seminaries.

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## Send Your Pastor

With the statewide Evangelistic Conference less than three weeks away, churches are urged to send

their pastors to this Conference.

Many pastors cannot come otherwise. The pastor who attends this Conference will return home filled with enthusiastic evangelistic fervor for the task ahead.

The church that sees to it that its pastor attends will be the winner as the few dollars cost will be an investment in the life of the pastor that will result in great usefulness to the church and the Kingdom.

A great program is being planned for this Conference, which is in reality a revival meeting for the pastors and others who attend.

Many besides the pastors should and will attend but the pastor is the key person in the field of evangelism and this appeal is to all churches to urge and make possible the attendance of every pastor.

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## Our Readers Write

### DEDICATING CHILDREN

Many of my former students are in the pastorate, and these extend from Texas to Vermont, and from Norfolk to California, not to refer to those in foreign lands. Blessings on all and each of them! I am proud of them and what they are doing in Kingdom service.

Many of them send me a copy of their Bulletin occasionally. One came to me this week from Pennsylvania in which this sentence appears: "Nothing could be more appropriate for the Thanksgiving service held at the church than the dedication of children." In my judgment there could be nothing more appropriate for any service on any day than just a service. We Baptists insist—properly so, I think, and think strongly—that only believers baptism is found in the New Testament. Then because some other people administer this ordinance after their fashion to babies, we shy off from every such performance and give no attention to the matter whatever. In my judgment, again, we make a great mistake here. It is hard for me to imagine a more beautiful or a more significant service than that of seeing a father and mother bring their little child before the congregation and with the congregation joining with them in dedicating their child to God as they at the same time dedicate themselves as servants of God in the all-important task of rearing that child as best they can in the fear of God and for the glory of God. Requests have come to me several times to perform such a service and it has given me joy to comply with these requests as best I could. It seems to me a happy omen to see our Baptist people turning their attention to their children in this way.

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outbreak of the war.

In time the early revolutionary and wholly theoretical objectives of the quality, justice, and a better life which were designed to be a substitute for revealed religion, proved to be a bitter disillusionment. In their disillusionment the Russian people began their return to the church.

During the war Stalin allowed the churches to reopen and the priests publicly to perform their ritual in a coldly calculated measure of military necessity. The Soviet dictator reasoned that he could use religion as a device to inflame patriotism and nationalism, and at the same time to impress his allies of official Soviet freedom of religion.

During this year it has been observed by Newsweek's contributing editor, Leon Volkov: "Now, however, Christianity has revived to the point where it is a real menace to the regime. If religion is, as Marx and Lenin contended, the opium of the people, then more and more Soviet citizens have become addicts. All the evidence is that the Orthodox Church is becoming an increasingly important force in the affairs of the Soviet Union."

This threat has not gone unnoticed by the Soviet leaders. The newspapers have taken up the cudgels against religion with articles such as Pravda printed on "Let us spread scientific — atheistic propaganda." The promotion of atheism is being stepped up in the public schools. It is reported that in the earliest grades the teachers take advantage of little children with sophistry of this kind: "Children, look at this wonderful nature. You know who takes care of this nature? Our communist party . . . you see the trees; therefore, they exist. Only the things exist which you can see, feel, and touch . . . don't believe in God. God does not exist. You cannot see him."

The statistics of Soviet suppression of religion are startling, even if we consider only those regarding the occupied countries. From Estonia, whose population of 1,250,000 three-fourths are Lutherans, 90,000 have been deported; and only thirty Lutheran and three Catholic priests remain. From Lithuania 615,000 of the 2,000,000 have been deported and only 340 Catholic priests and three Greek Orthodox priests have been murdered; twelve Lutheran pastors, 37 Baptist ministers, four Roman Catholic priests and five Greek Orthodox priests have been deported. In Roumania more than thirty per cent of the parish priests have been dismissed and replaced by Red collaborators; and in Czechoslovakia ten per cent of the priests are in jail, fifteen percent in forced labor camps, and five percent in exile.

If this is toleration and co-existence then we must get al-

together new dictionaries for 1955.

### REUNION IN EVANSTON

Headline news in August 1954 was the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches which met in Evanston, Illinois. From 179 Protestant and Orthodox Church bodies there came 1300 official delegates. These delegates represented 200,000,000 Christians in 54 nations.

Spirited debate in the various sectional meetings preceded the decisions and declarations of the Council. In social issues the assembly went on record as opposing any form of segregation based on race, color, or ethnic origins.

In matters economic the assembly was distinctly more conservative than its predecessor at Amsterdam in 1948. The report of the discussion group on "The responsible society" was critical of Marxist ideology, and declared private enterprise to be a desirable part of a national economy. The eulogy for the executive and the business man was balanced by an expression of concern for a more equitable distribution of economic goods.

In matters political it was stated that "No one form of government has a universal claim on Christians," but there was the added warning that basic human rights and political freedom are essential to prevent tyranny.

Peace among the nations was the principal burden of the pronouncements on international affairs. The assembly called for the prohibition of all weapons of mass destruction, and for the international inspection and control of atomic facilities. While totalitarianism was distinctly denounced it was held that there was no alternative in international affairs except "Living together in a divided world."

It was contended that there can be a development from the present competition among the nations to a genuine cooperation. Great reliance is to be placed on the United Nations; but the possibility of total war and national self-defense was recognized.

The World Council expressed itself as not desiring to become a world church, but to be a movement toward unity among Protestant and Orthodox communions.

While defining itself as primarily a religious gathering the Council was divided most seriously in matters of the faith. Early in the conference there developed sharp differences of opinions centered largely in the theme of the gathering: "Christ — the Hope of the World." It was the observation of a keen student of contemporary religion that, "Most Americans tended to emphasize the hope for improvement here and now, as well as the anticipation of ultimate redemption. Most Europeans preferred to discount human progress and to put their faith in the world to come or in the 'Second Coming of Christ'. Americans emphasized man's present res-

pensibilities; Europeans placed reliance solely in God."

Candidly did The Christian Century observe: "Always at Evanston, and not far below the surface, there were grim disunities which the World Council may at limited times and to limited degrees transcend, but which it has hardly even begun to dissolve . . . Evanston will not be remembered for having carried forward the cause of Christian unity. It might possibly (though we hope not) be remembered for having shown how far-off and blocked-off the goal of unity is."

### INCOME TAX RELAXATION

It is not often that Congress makes leading religious news for the year; but such has been the case in 1955. The Internal Revenue Code adopted this year reflects the position that there should be increased provision for religious and charitable organizations such as churches, hospitals, and regularly established educational institutions.

The stated purpose of the new income tax provisions is "to aid these institutions in obtaining the additional funds they need, in view of their rising costs and the relatively low rates of return they are receiving on endowment funds." The principal provisions favoring religious and charitable enterprises are: 1. Raising from 20 to 30 percent the amount a taxpayer may deduct from his income because of

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named a special committee to draw up the model constitution and by-laws. The action came after a majority of the congregation of North Rocky Mount, N. C. Baptist church, led by the pastor, seceded from the State and Southern Conventions and claimed control of the church property valued at \$250,000.

Trustees of the congregation, representing the minority, sued to retain the property and were upheld by Superior Court Judge Malcolm Paul. He ruled that the seceding majority had "ceased to be a part of the true congregation and are not entitled to share in the use and possession of the property."

The majority faction has appealed this decision to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Dr. S. A. Nathan of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., stressed to the meeting here the need for congregations to have a constitution.

"A church is a spiritual body," he said, "but it is also a physical body made up of people who occupy space and have real estate holdings. A constitution is needed so that a church holding property can exercise good judgment and make legal provisions for the protection of its property rights. A constitution is simply a wording of an agreement whereby the church might do business in two areas of life—physical and spiritual."



Rev. Bob Covington

### New Oak Grove Pastor

Shown above is Rev. Bob Covington, the new pastor of the Oak Grove Church, near Smithdale.

He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and is presently attending the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he is a third year student.

gifts to religious or charitable organizations; 2. Pastors not provided with residence or living quarters can deduct the cost of such housing in computing their tax, and those providing their own housing may deduct the actual cost thereof; 3. Contributions can be made to non-profit burial and cemetery associations which are regarded as for charitable purposes; 4. Business corporations can carry over to future tax years charitable contributions made in excess of the five percent of their taxable income; 5. A liberalization of the tax provision for those who plan ultimately to give nearly all the money they would otherwise pay in taxes; 6. A change in the taxation of income from annuities which definitely favors those who give annuity funds to religious and educational institutions.

By way of summary we share the position of the British Journalist who declared in July of this year that "Britain and the West in general stand upon the threshold of the greatest spiritual awakening for many centuries . . . Will 1955 bring into clear focus the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ to show mankind God's judgment upon sin. His provision for the forgiveness thereof, and for newness of life to as many as believe upon the Saviour?"

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## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

Pastor J. J. Justice reports

genuine interest and progress at both Enod and Oloh churches in south Mississippi with a W. M. U. in each church.

The Oxford Baptist Church has renovated their house of worship and put in new pews, a new carpet and a steam heater.

40 YEARS AGO—

The Baptist Church at Woodville, under the leadership of this new pastor, Rev. C. L. Wilson, "enthusiastically agreed to undertake the task of repairing the old (brick) building" which had been abandoned some twenty years before. The membership of twenty - three with some help from the Convention Board completed the job in a few months and Baptist work was re-established in the town. A Sunday school and a woman's missionary society were organized and the membership increased to forty in a few months.

## Seek 800 . . .

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steadily. The Special Gifts committee, meeting Thursday, January 30, reported an additional 20 special gifts totaling \$12,475. This raises to 174 subscriptions totaling \$102,980 reported to date by the committee.

Other reports are expected, according to Charlie Scott, chairman.

Dr. James R. Cavett, president of the Baptist Hospital medical staff, reports that to date approximately \$70,000 has been pledged in the current campaign for \$500,000 by the staff doctors. This, he points out, is in addition to some \$55,000 which was contributed and paid by the staff doctors three years ago for capital fund construction at the hospital. Other subscriptions in the current campaign are expected from the doctors.

A total of \$1,000,000 for completing new, and modernizing old, construction at the Baptist hospital is being sought. Of this amount, a quota of \$500,000 has been set for Jackson and Hinds county, and a like quota for the remainder of the state.

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## Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson  
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Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

ZION ASSOCIATION reports a lovely Brazilian Banquet for the young people of the association. Mrs. W. W. Herrin and Mrs. Doris Carroll, associational officers, were in charge. There were 120 present with counselors and leaders. The recreation room of the church had tables decorated in the Brazilian colors of gold and green, with the speakers table holding a huge cornucopia of fruits and vegetables native to Brazil. On the guest tables were miniature huts and palm trees. This banquet climaxed the study of the Brazilian series.

The Eupora pastor, Rev. W. W. Herrin gave a talk on "Frontiers Unlimited." The Associational missionary, Rev. Frank Armstrong showed a film on Lottie Moon. After a thorough study of this fabulous country and the lovely banquet, the young people of Eupora, Mathison, Mantee, Walthall, Bellfontaine and Philadelphia Baptist churches will be a long time forgetting Brazil's need for workers and money.

—Mrs. Joe Brannon

LUMBERTON gives more than a thousand dollars for the Lottie Moon Offering!

The First Baptist Church of Lumberton set \$1,000 as a goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions (they gave \$230.00 last year).

Several weeks before the week, a map of the world was prepared for mission emphasis. The places where we have no missionaries were painted black. With so much of our world painted black, indicating souls in darkness, our hearts rejoiced as each light came on representing \$100 toward souls being won to Christ. On December 19 at our dedication service for our offering, the total was \$1,052.78 with promise of more to come in. We know that Christ can use the money but we know too that He has used the bringing of this offering to raise some of His children into a deeper spiritual growth. The pastor Rev. J. W. Wood greatly encouraged the folk in this effort.

GEORGETOWN was hostess to women from three other missionary societies, Harmony, Bethel and Hopewell, for the study of the book on Brazil. Mrs. C. A. Shoemaker, mission study chairman was assisted by several other women in the presenting of the book. There were fifty-five members and guests present.

CORINTH, JASPER ASSOCIATION — A new WMS writes "We are enjoying the work of the Missionary Society which we organized in October. We wish we could challenge others to organize. We enjoyed the study of Brazil. We profited from the observance of the Week of

prayer. Our Lottie Moon offering was \$10.00. I think by the time we study missions for a year and have another offering for Foreign Mission it will be much more than that." — Rev. H. P. McDonald is pastor of this church and gives encouragement to this organization.

IRENE CHAPEL, HATTIESBURG writes of their mission study with River Ave. WMS. Evie De Oliveira a Brazilian student spoke to the WMS. Rev. Athens McNeil led the study of "Pilgrimage to Brazil." It meant a great deal to the study to have a national from Brazil present.

CORRECTION—The record of gifts for State Mission Week of Prayer offering should have read \$7.95 for Bethel WMS, Copiah Association.

—BR—

CORRECTION: Yellow Leaf Church (Lafayette County), State Mission offering: \$42.25.

—BR—

## Pontotoc Pastor Goes To Texas

Rev. James C. Monroe, who has served as pastor of the First Church Pontotoc, since 1947, has tendered his resignation, effective January 16, in order to accept the pastorate of First Church, New Boston, Texas. Mr. Monroe came to Pontotoc from the pastorate of the Brooksville Church.

During his ministry at Pontotoc an active Brotherhood was organized, Sunday School enrollment increased and is now 645, and the Training Union now has 176 enrolled. There have been 561 additions to the church and the budget has increased from \$8,492.22 to \$21,996. The church auditorium has been completely renovated. Wall-to-wall carpeting has been installed. A new modern heating system and air-conditioning have been added. A \$60,000 Educational Building has been built, furnished and paid for. The Educational Building was dedicated on January 2. Mr. Monroe has been active in the Associational Mission program in Pontotoc County.

The New Boston church has a membership of 930, with an average Sunday School attendance of 501. According to last year's minutes the church gave \$43,307.



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## Noxapater Celebrates Pastor's Anniversary Gives \$1340 To Lottie Moon Mission Offering

The Noxapater Church celebrated the second anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Ivor L. Clark by giving \$1340 to the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions.

The campaign received church-wide emphasis but no offering was taken in the worship service. Nevertheless, seventy percent of the resident church members made contributions. Enlisted by the Mission Band, the non-resident members of the church gave more to this year's offering than the entire church once gave to the Christmas offering.

The W. M. S. led in contributions by giving \$565. The Auxiliaries gave \$184 (the Sunbeams, alone, gave \$41). The Brotherhood gave \$365 and the Royal Ambassadors gave \$80.

Six people were baptized by candle-light, during a Christmas program, bringing the total additions to seventy one. Seventeen have volunteered for special Christian service.

The church has increased her gifts to the Cooperative Program one hundred fifty percent. A unified budget plan has helped to more than double budget receipts. A full-time Minister of Music and Education has been employed.

The pastorium has been renovated, the church plant improved and more furniture and fixtures have been added.

In addition to his duties at Noxapater, Rev. Clark is Moderator of the Winston County Baptist Association and teaches New Testament in the Seminary Extension Center in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clark is the Young People's Director for the missionary organizations of the Noxapater Church.

## Calvary Church Organized In Corinth



Calvary Church was organized December 28, 1954 with 69 charter members. Dr. Chester L. Quarles brought the message.

Calvary Mission was started as the result of a census taken by the Associational Missionary, Rev. Norris Hickman. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Daniels donated the use of an apartment for the meeting place of the new work until the first unit of the permanent building could be used in July. The West Corinth Church took over this responsibility January 31, 1954.

Rev. Harold Bennett was secured to give full time attention to this field, which he did until resigning September 5 in order to enroll at Mississippi College. Rev. W. C. Gann was then called to the work, which he took over October 24.

The Missions Committee of the West Corinth Church has been in charge of development and guidance of this work from its early days.

Beginning with the first offering taken under its direction,

The Doctrine of the Atonement by Thomas J. Crawford (\$4) is a comprehensive, Scripture-based work on the key doctrine of the atonement. This scholarly treatment of the atonement is written in clear style likely to hold the reader's interest and challenge his thinking. The author was a preacher in the Church of Scotland. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

10 percent of all designated gifts have gone for the support of Missionary and Benevolent enterprises through the Cooperative Program. A Training Union will begin functioning January 2.

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## Southeast Pastors' Conference Meets

On January 10, the Southeast Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet with the First Church, Ellisville.

Below is a copy of the program as submitted by the Conference President, Dr. Cecil W. Jones, Bay Springs.

10:00-10:10 — Song Service;  
10:10-10:15 — Scripture and Prayer: Dr. E. Scruggs, State Line;  
10:15-10:30 — Announcements and Introductions;  
10:30-10:35 — Special Music: Ellisville Church;  
10:35-11:15 — "Getting Ready for a Revival": Dr. T. J. Delaughter, Pascagoula;  
11:15-11:20 — Special Music: Ellisville Church;  
11:20-12:00 — "The Security of the Believer": Dr. Ralph Noonkester, William Carey College, Hattiesburg;  
12:00 — Lunch

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the Marion County Association's Minutes of the one hundred thirty-fifth annual session, which was held at North Columbia Church on October 14, 1954. The spring session is to be held with the Shiloh Church in April and the next fall session is to be held with the Bunker Hill Church in October. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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## BAPTISTS ASKED TO PROTEST SPAIN - U. S. AGREEMENT

ATLANTA, Ga.: — (BP) — A vigorous appeal has been made for Southern Baptists to protest the pending agreement between Spain and the United States that endangers the civil and religious liberties of Americans in Spain. Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., said, "Baptists should respectfully and earnestly petition the Department of Defense to review the reported agreement between the United States authorities and Spain by which it is alleged that the Roman Catholic Church sanction or forbid mixed marriages between United States citizens and the citizens of Spain. We dare not surrender our constitutional birthright of religious freedom for any mess of pottage."

Alfred Carpenter, secretary of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion's Chaplains Commission, said, "The demands of this proposed agreement are neither Christian nor democratic. An appeal to the Secretary of State would greatly help. Every Baptist should express his true conviction."

All communications should be telegraphed directly to John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

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**STOWE, Vt. (RNS) —** The Board of Water Commissioners of this "ski capital of the East" rejected a request from the Rev. John J. Conrick of Blessed Sacrament R. C. Church for permission to pipe water from the town mains to his church. In his petition, Father Conrick pointed out that although the church is outside the village limits the right he sought had previously been extended to several ski lodges which also are beyond these limits.

## LOOKING TOWARD THE SUNSET



When the sun is set it will be too late to make preparation for it.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 2, 1955

Laurel, First	550	177
Hattiesburg, Main St.	952	416
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	176	91
Meridian, 41st Ave.	378	123
Edwards	92	43

#### Jackson:

West Jackson	292	141
Crestwood	292	141
Calvary	1347	449
Main School	1297	400
Mission	50	49
Magnolia Park	106	94
Van Winkle	496	284
Daniel Memorial	644	265
Hillcrest	148	128
Parkway	928	509
Highland	101	80

Northside	512	173
First	1132	460
Broadmoor	389	198
Southside	359	172
Ridgecrest	270	101
Pearl (Rankin County)	182	103
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	129	86
Brier Hill (Rankin)	89	58

Flowood Rankin	95	97
Byram (Hinds)	211	131
Richland	164	72
Harmony Jones	181	68
Columbia, First	689	285
Main School	610	228
So. Columbia Mission	79	57

Union St. Covington	128	112
Yazoo City, First	513	174
Hattiesburg, Temple	519	175
Grenada, Emmanuel	268	89
Main School	246	89
Futheyville	52	
Springfield (Rankin)	125	88
Laurel, Highland	211	109
Bethlehem (Jones)	177	142
Pelahatchie	174	75
Clarksdale	411	151
McComb, Friendship	189	101

McComb, Locust St.	87	51
Greenwood, Calvary	435	209
Canton, Center Terrace	242	140
Fair River (Lincoln)	129	90
Ruth	62	60
Marphy Creek (Winston)	158	130
Petal Harvey	347	151
Main School	319	
Harvey	28	
Brookhaven, Central	83	64
Pilgrims Rest	86	67
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	66	53
Morton (Scott)	326	129
Main	312	
Mission	14	
Longview (Oktibbeha)	116	83

Purvis, First	251	98
Mission	22	
Kreole, First	113	49
Hardy (Grenada)	113	96
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	146	86
New Sight (Lincoln)	122	91
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	455	121
Ruleville	240	110
Gulfport, First	825	293
Gulfport, Calvary	48	38
Concord (Choctaw)	95	95

Brookhaven, First	734	244
Main	624	180
Southway	72	38
Halbert Heights	38	26
East McComb	455	225
Fellowship (Choctaw)	106	74
Houston, First	277	151
Midway (Lauderdale)	152	79
Columbus, East End	282	119
Columbus, First	845	295
Crystal Springs, First	703	213
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Spanish Fort	57	33
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Riverside (Clarksdale)	263	168
Glenfield (Union)	96	99
Niland (Bolivar)	54	50
New Albany, First	632	163
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MRS. J. E. MORROW, JR.



MRS. C. F. BARRY

Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Jr., Nursery Coordinator of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will direct the Nursery conferences at our three Sunday School Conventions in Pontotoc, Louisville and Laurel, on February 22-24.

Mrs. Morrow has been the successful leader of this work in her church for several years, and has seen it grow in both numbers and efficiency at a rapid pace.

She has also been used in the Nursery conferences at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly for the last two summers, this at the invitation of our Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

We are indeed glad that our Nursery workers over the state will have the benefit of the counsel and guidance of this splendid worker during our three Conventions.

Make plans now to be present for one of these Conventions and attend the Nursery conference, all you Nursery workers, and others interested in it.

We are fortunate this year in having from the "Sunshine" state of Florida to lead the Beginner conferences at our three Sunday School Conventions, Mrs. C. F. Barry, who is a state approved worker.

This good lady has for several years been a very capable and successful leader in the field of Sunday School work, and has made excellent contributions along this line to our Sunday School program.

As the wife of the Florida Sunday School Secretary, she has manifested great interest in the work, and has served on programs in many states.

We urge all Beginner Sunday School workers in Mississippi to plan to attend one of our three Conventions, and profit from the good help of Mrs. Barry. Do not miss it.

### Convention Time Is Near

Due to the Southern Baptist Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, we had to change the time of our Mississippi Sunday School Conventions from the regular time in March to February 22-24.

That means that it is some three weeks nearer us now than it usually is at this time of the year. There is yet plenty of time to work out plans for attending, but we cannot delay too long.

So, Pastors and Superintendents, start now to plan for attending the one most convenient, and get all of your officers and teachers there also. We have a great program and it will soon be mailed to you. Watch this column each week.

### Morton Promotes Training

The Morton Baptist Church, Rev. Carl Duck, pastor, has completed its first year of intensive training in the Sunday School training course.

A total of 85 participated in the courses, with 23 receiving the Worker's Diploma, and one the Advanced Diploma.

The year's work was climaxed on Sunday night, December 12, with a graduation exercise, a regular cap and gown affair. A marked improvement has been noted since this course began. The school has grown from 7 departments and 23 classes to 12 departments and 40 classes.

S. J. McDill is the superintendent and Fred Moore the leader of Training.

Yes, when we plan, the people will respond.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Hickory Grove Is Number 1111

Rev. H. Elmer Hight, pastor of the Hickory Grove Church in Tate County, has led that church to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

In sending the EVERY FAMILY list, Pastor Hight wrote, "I've been reading the Baptist Record since I entered Clarke College in 1951 and am very pleased with the wonderful work it is doing. All of our members are looking forward to receiving the Record even though some have not even heard of it before. We want our Baptist people to be informed Baptists."

Most churches would have the EVERY FAMILY Plan if every pastor felt as Pastor Hight did when he wrote, "We want our Baptist people to be informed Baptists."

In fact, over two-thirds of all the churches do have it, but the Baptist Record wants the other third.

Record readers in Tate County are now listed as follows: HICKORY GROVE, 36; ARKABUTLA, 36, Bethel, 1; COLDWATER, 70; EVANSVILLE, 41; Looxahoma, 8; MT. ZION, 25; NEW HOPE, 44; Sarah, 12; SENATOBIA, 164; STRAYHORN, 22; Tyro, 2; Wyatt, 1; Savage, 1.

### Pleasant Valley

While Pastor B. E. Craft was out of the state on business we had the privilege of supplying for him at Pleasant Valley. We feel like an old-timer, having preached for them in three re-

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vival meetings and several times have supplied there.

Since our last visit the church has made several improvements, including a new pulpit, Sunday School rooms, and redoing the outside of the church.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 26; ATHENS, 43; Beulah, 3; BRAXTON, 49; Coat, 14; Campbell's Creek, 12; D'LO, 41; Dry Creek, 1; FORK (BETHLEHEM), 45; EVERETT, 21; HARRISVILLE, 41; HOLLY GROVE, 26; MACEDONIA, 56; MAGEE, 224; MENDENHALL, 138; MT. ZION, 94; NEW HOPE, 42; OAK GROVE, 55; Palestine, 13; PINE GROVE, 25; PINOLA, 56; PLEASANT HILL, 55; PLEASANT VALLEY, 53; SHIVERS, 23; STONEWALL, 27; STRONG RIVER, 37; WEATHERSBY, 47; New Bethlehem, 1; SARATOGA, 22.

### Greene Follows Father

The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan must be in the blood of the Greens. So far as this writer knows, every church who has a pastor named Greene has the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Rev. W. E. Greene, III, is the latest one to lead his church to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. His father, Dr. W. E. Greene, had it in all the churches that he served as pastor in Mississippi and his son is doing likewise.

Recently he led the New Concord Church in Jasper County

to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

Record readers in Jasper County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 21; BAY SPRINGS, 127; New Concord, 17; Corinth, 13; DECEDAR, 30; EDON, 34; FELLOWSHIP, 21; HEIDELBERG, 80; LOUIN, 77; MONTROSE, 27; MOSSVILLE, 32; NEW FELLOWSHIP, 29; PINE GROVE, 21; Seminary, 1; SHADY GROVE, 47; Stringer, 11; Enon, 16.

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The Baptist Student Union at Pearl River Junior College was awarded first place with the winning float during the annual homecoming there.

Pictured above is the float which had as its theme, "Christ Our Peace." The spread of flags on the rear of the float represented the eight foreign countries found in the student body.

Pictured from left to right are Richard Gorden, BSU Director Harold Gully, and Juanita McGehee.

### Miscellaneous

Pastor Paul Harwood, of Darling, Miss. Baptist Church, writes that he, too, made a rededication of his life during the Youth Night service of the Miss. Baptist Convention even though he did not make it public then.

That recent campus revival held at Carey College resulted in 136 decisions for Christ, 14 being professions of faith. Dr. Andy Tate, Dean of Men, was the preacher, and Dr. Jack Lyall, of the college, was Music Director.

Four joined the Goodman Church from Holmes Jr. recently. Fifteen from Miss. College, one by baptism, joined the Clinton Church. Five from William Carey joined local churches.

Perkinston Jr. lists 91 unsaved; Southwest Jr., five; Delta State, 30; East Central Jr., 31; Co-Lin Jr., 16; Jones Jr., 25, and these are, by no means, all in Miss. What a challenge for us BSUers!

Our State President, James Rogers, of Delta State, attended Miss. Southern's recent Dutch Treat Banquet.

22 of the 27 overseas students at Miss. State attended the BSU's recent banquet for them.

An unknown benefactor has given the MSCW BSU Center a television set.

Delta State has been able to buy the bus they've been needing.

One recent conversion is reported from East Central Jr.

Co-Lin Jr. students and faculty gave \$291.30 through the Wesson Church during Nov.

Clarke had 145 present for their banquet for overseas students.

## Holly Springs Ups Budget

It is not often that a church increases its budget after the budget has been approved by the church.

One of the exceptions is the Holly Springs Church, Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor. Last November the church adopted a budget of \$25,000, but there was a tremendous response to the pledging campaign and the budget has been increased to \$30,000, with 30 per cent of this, or \$9000, being allocated for missions.

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## John Miller Ordained

John Miller, native of High Point, North Carolina and student at Mississippi College, Clinton, was ordained to the full gospel ministry December 26 at the Green Street Baptist Church of High Point. Several years ago he dedicated his life to the ministry and has since been preparing himself for the work.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Ruth Miller of High Point. Both in high school and in college, John has been active in sports and other student activities. Following his Junior year in high school, he was chosen to represent Boy Scouts of America in Austria one summer. This past summer he served in Colorado in the Air National Guard. While there he was Youth Director of the First Baptist Church of Aurora, Colo.



MISS JANE RAY BEAN, on January 1st, joined the South-wide Baptist Student Department in Nashville after a very effective tenure as BSU Director for BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE.

We in Mississippi BSU appreciate the many contributions JANE RAY has made, and we are sorry she has left the Work in our State; yet we are happy and proud with BLUE MOUNTAIN that she joins Sibyl Brame Townsend as the second South-wide BSU Secretary to come from Blue Mountain.

### MISCELLANEA

BSU DIRECTORS AND OTHER BSU WORKERS: Plan to attend the STATE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE January 24-26, followed by the SEMINAR FOR YOU JANUARY 26-28, both in Jackson.

EVELYN VAIL and BILL SMITH, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE, were two of the six students who comprised the work camp at the S. A. OWEN JUNIOR COLLEGE (Negro) in Memphis last summer.

The churches at Auburn and Tusculooosa, Alabama, recently had 839 and 729, respectively, in Training Union, majority being college students.

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TWO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO

## Goodwater (Simpson) Calls C. B. Saucier

Rev. C. B. Saucier recently became the pastor of Goodwater Church near Magee in Simpson County. He came to live in the newly renovated pastor's home from Covington County where he had worked for one year with the American Red Cross and where he had served several churches as pastor.

Since Mr. Saucier's coming to Goodwater Church there have been eight additions, six by letter and two on profession of faith.

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## Dallas Church Starts 'On the Job Training'

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — An "On the Job Training Program" has been devised by East Grand Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., for solving its leadership shortage. It does not take the place of the regular program of study courses or training.

Once a month the church observes "On the Job Training" Sunday. Names of potential leaders are mimeographed and placed in the hands of all Sunday school officers and teachers who ask the prospects to substitute for them on the designated days. Teachers and officers "stay on the job" to observe and encourage the trainees. Before and after the "On the Job Training" Sunday prospects are urged to attend teachers' and officers' meeting on Wednesday, study courses, associational conferences, and clinics.

"Results have been gratifying. Many of the trainees have accepted places of leadership, and we are now at the point of seeing the real fruits," says T. D. Mc-

Arthur Sheridan Westneat, a Baptist Minister of Bayonne, N. J. is the author of WANDERINGS IN THE WOODLAND, a book of nature poetry, currently released by Vantage Press 120 W. 31st St., N. Y. 1, N. Y. (\$2). This collection of verse might be compared to a bunch of wildflowers gathered in quiet and secluded nooks in a New-England wooded countryside. Each poem is preface with a sensitive essay setting the mood for the lyric which follows. The poet's intent is to recapture the pleasant days of a summer vacation, the memories of which can be continued through subsequent months of toil and arduous duties. Order from Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

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Listed below are the ratings of the hymn players not appearing in previous issues of the Record. In case you find a mistake, please let us know and we will make correction.

### INTERMEDIATE HYMN PLAYERS (Cont.)

Margaret Ann Tockett, RFD Lexington, Excellent plus; Edwin Sudduth, Durant, Superior; Glenda Faye Jones, Stringer, Excellent; Marion Booth, RFD, New Hebron, Good; Janelle Williams, Prentiss, Good plus; Cynthia Carter, Ellisville, Good plus; James Oliver Allen, Silver Creek, Superior; Mary King, Hattiesburg, Excellent plus; Patricia Ann Moak, RFD Bogue Chitto, Good plus; Ernestine Case, RFD Brookhaven, Excellent plus; Nancy Germany, Waterford, Good plus; Yvonne Smiley, Centerville, Excellent; Vida Terral, Crosby, Superior; Joan Patridge, Winona, Superior; Lois Foster, Union, Excellent plus; Patricia Hazel, Batesville, Excellent plus;

Martha Elizabeth Parnell, Sardis, Excellent; Lynette Byrd, RFD Beaumont, Good plus; Wilma Lee Reeves, RFD McComb, Excellent plus; Mary Ann Ray, RFD Pontotoc, Excellent plus; Mary Joyce Norris, Shivers, Excellent plus; Ellen Gill, Magee, Excellent; Nelner Dukes, Magee, Excellent; Jo Ann Dukes, Magee, Good; Sarah Nell Henderson, RFD Polkville, Excellent; Elizabeth Jemison, Indianola, Superior; Bobby Sue Lyons, Natchez, Good plus; Patricia Herring, RFD Natchez, Superior; Judy Noble, Hollandale, Excellent plus; Martha Holman, Noxapater, Excellent; Joann Breland, Meridian, Excellent plus; Mary Elizabeth May, Meridian, Superior; Marcia McGaugh, Newhon, Superior; Jane Gae Turner, Mashulaville, Excellent plus.

### THE ASSOCIATIONAL CAROL SINGS PROVING SUCCESSFUL

The Music Office has received reports from a number of Associational Carol Sings held throughout the state; all of them reporting a fine attendance and fine spirit in the program. The Christmas Carol Sing is a south-wide movement and all associations making plans for 1955 should include the Christmas Carol Sing as one of the 1955 events. If you have not reported your Carol Sing, please do so by return mail.

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Fifty years are little enough in the long story of mankind, but the past fifty years have brought a thrill of gratitude to our Baptist people all over the world. Those years have seen our Baptist witness survive the shock of world catastrophe, until today our world-wide fellowship links by the ties of comradeship a multitude three times as numerous as were our Baptist forces when the Alliance was born in 1905. What trials and tribulations those years have brought — and what glorious conquests in the name of Christ! In our Conventions and Unions at home, on our far-flung mission fields across the oceans, God has blessed us beyond our deserving, and our first duty as 1955 dawns is to praise His glorious Name.

Millions of eyes will turn toward London in July 1955. In a

retaries held in Nashville in December will appear in the next issue of the Baptist Record. Please study it carefully and write the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, for additional information regarding the program.

## TEAM FOR ALCORN, PRENTISS, LEE AND PONTOTOC ASSOCIATIONS



Rev. Joe Abrams



Rev. C. M. Day



Rev. Howard Aultman

multitude of tongues prayers will rise to God that we may more faithfully fulfill His purpose in commending the Gospel

of our Saviour. We shall honour those whose devotion has spread our fellowship to the far corners of the earth. We shall in humility seek to yield ourselves more fully to Christ's service. It is the prayer of those of us who serve the Alliance that God may richly bless all our people, and especially those to whom the years have brought trial and suffering. We are all one in Him, linked by cords of love, seeking nothing better than in our worship and witness to honour our Saviour who has brought us hope and joy. May God bless you all, in the heart, in the home, and in the churches where as a world-fellowship we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

## Italian Sentenced For Having Religious Meeting

ROME — Nicola Jozzi, an American citizen who retired to his native Chieti about a year ago, was sentenced to a six-day jail term and fined 1,000 lire by the Chieti District Court for holding an "unauthorized" meeting of an Assemblies of God group in his home there. Chieti is about 100 miles east of Rome on the Adriatic coast.

The court based its ruling on Public Security Law No. 25, passed during the Fascist regime in Italy, which requires prior police authorization for the holding of "public religious meetings."

Mr. Rosapepe contends that Articles XVII and XIX of Italy's postwar Constitution abrogated the earlier Fascist police laws and that, in addition, the meeting was not a public one since it was held in a private residence.

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## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Clifton J. Allen  
January 9, 1955

### THE LIVING GOD

Bible Text: Exodus 3:13-16; Psalm 103:8-13; Isaiah 40: 18-31; Matthew 6:9; John 4:23-24; 10:30; Acts 17:22-31.

The truth about God is the spring from which the stream of Christian teaching must flow. A true concept of the nature and disposition of God, therefore, is essential to the understanding of all Christian doctrine. We need to keep in mind these basic truths: God is self-contained and self-sufficient (Ex. 3:13-16). He is infinitely good and merciful (Psalm 103:8-13). He is the Creator and Ruler of the universe, the Holy One (Isaiah 40:18-31). He is our Heavenly Father (Matt. 6:9). He is a personal Spirit, approachable anytime, anywhere (John 4:23-24). He reveals himself to men in Jesus Christ (John 10:30). He can never be reduced to idols of gold or silver; his moral demands and redemptive love men must reckon with either now or in the judgment (Acts 17:22-31). What a great God to learn about and love and serve!

### GOD OF MERCY AND GRACE

(Psalm 103:8-13)

The psalmist possessed true insight into the very character of God. He is merciful and gracious. He is not quick to become angry; neither will he keep on chiding or rebuking his children. Instead, he is patient, long-suffering, and forgiving. He does not deal with us according to what we deserve. But with mercy which is infinite and grace which is unlimited, he forgives our transgressions. Like a father has compassion on his children, so God's compassion is without measure.

### GOD OF WISDOM AND POWER

(Isaiah 40:25-29)

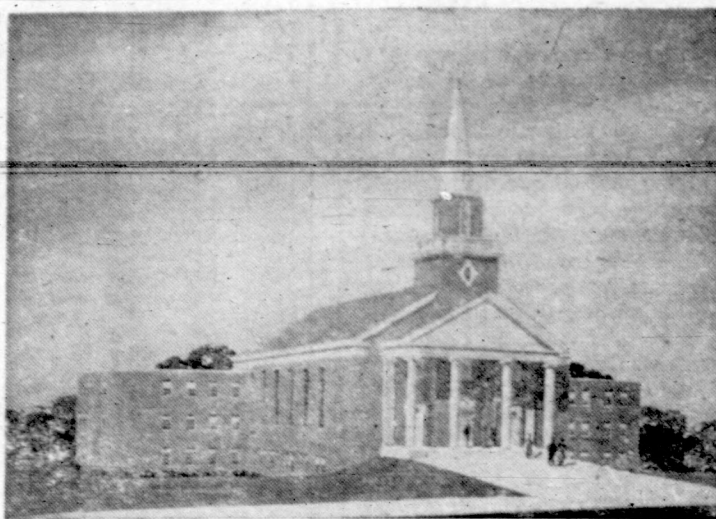
These verses, from Isaiah's great Book of Comfort, were addressed to the Hebrews in exile. Some of the people despaired of God's help, lost faith, and turned to idols. Isaiah sought to remind them of God's incomparable greatness and of his unlimited wisdom and power. He is the "Holy One," infinitely above and separate from every created thing and transcendently pure and good in his being. He created the myriads of stars, numbered them, and called them all by name. If God could create and order and sustain the stars he could certainly take care of his people.

We ought, therefore, to put our firm trust in God and wait on him. Let us learn that God is too strong to fail, too wise to make a mistake, too good to be unjust.

### GOD IS OUR FATHER

(Matthew 6:9)

The supreme Christian concept of God is: "Our Father." As Father, he is the source of life.



Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will move into the auditorium of its new \$425,000 edifice next Sunday, January 9. Since June, 1953 when the former building was completely destroyed by fire, services have been held wherever possible (even in the open air); yet no service or organizational meeting has been cancelled or postponed. Although the exterior of the entire building is now complete, the educational facilities of the new structure are not finished, as the contractors have given their complete time to an early completion of the auditorium.

The interior of the auditorium is light green, with wall to wall carpeting. Its seating capacity,

As Father, he is personal and loving, kind and compassionate, who yearns to give his best to his children. The phrase "in heaven" reminds us that he is above all that is earthly, that he is heavenly in character. It suggests both majesty and holiness.

When we come to our Heavenly Father with true understanding, we want his name to be hallowed in all the earth. His name stands for himself. We ought to regard him as infinitely holy and worthy of reverential respect and devotion.

### GOD IS SPIRIT

(John 4:23-24)

The Samaritan woman thought God had to be worshiped in a particular place; she had utterly failed to grasp the moral demands in worship. Jesus declared to her that "God is a Spirit" and that he is "the Father." Thus he is personal and spiritual. He can be worshiped anywhere because he is everywhere. The place is not important, but the attitude of the worshiper is. One must come to God with sincerity. And this means we must come to God "in truth" — desiring truth, willing to be made true, wanting to be right with God.

### GOD WAS IN CHRIST

(John 10:30)

This one verse is a key to the doctrine of God. It declares that God and Christ are one. Christ not only claimed absolute deity; he identified himself with the Father. Therefore, we know what God is like; he is like Jesus Christ. He is a person; he is love and light and grace; he is both Lord and friend.

including the balcony, is 1,000, with 60 additional spaces in the choir. Stained glass windows accent the beauty of the sanctuary, and the white ends of the mahogany pews are complimented by white woodwork. Piano and organ pits flanking each side of the rostrum will provide space for the new grand piano and the Baldwin organ purchased last year.

Air-conditioning units have been installed throughout the building.

A unique baptistry scene has been planned. An actual stream will flow over a natural setting of rocks, forming a waterfall into the baptistry. The stream will appear to be a continuation of the artists painting of a mountain stream in the background.

During the past year and one-half the classes have been scattered about in a tent, garage, two living rooms, a kitchen, a duplex, a prefabricated metal building, two temporary wood structures and a dry-cleaning establishment. Church services were held in the tent, which seats more than 400. Through the summer months additional chairs were placed outside the tent to provide for the frequent overflow. Despite the difficult conditions, many new members have been added to both the church and its organizations. Sunday School enrolment is now 942 and Training Union enrolment is 448. During the past calendar year more than \$7,000 has been given to missions, including the support of one foreign missionary. A full-time mission in Jackson has also been sponsored.

At the time of the fire the church had in its Building Fund \$25,000 which, with the small amount of insurance, was not sufficient to launch a building program. Therefore, \$300,000 in bonds was issued. At this time \$50,000 worth of bonds are still on hand. Bonds now being sold will go toward the completion of the educational unit.

Rev. H. A. Milner is pastor, and Tommie Davis, Jr., is educational and music director.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from Liberty Grove Church in Itawamba County. The treasurer of the church is Ervin Satterwhite.

## Experts Said Amateurs Couldn't Do It; They Did!

By B. J. Murrie

Despite the fact that the experts said that the amateurs could not do it, it was done anyway. This is the story of the efforts of Pastor Robert J. Hastings and the University Baptist Church here in Carbondale in their \$75,000 fund raising campaign.

A few months ago a representative of a well-known fund raising organization visited the church and pastor in view of leading in a money raising campaign. He told the group that the church could not conduct the campaign with the local help and if the pastor led in the campaign it would split the church wide open and he would not be able to continue as pastor any length of time.

The prediction made by the representative, who was interested in securing a minimum fee for his organization of \$3,500, proved utterly false. The church concluded recently a five-week program in which a \$75,000 goal was over-subscribed by almost \$6,000. As members rejoice in the goal reached, all were unanimous that the spirit and fellowship of the church was never better or finer.

More people took part in the

campaign than ever have been active in any other capacity. The dedication service was climaxed when a young man came forward and told of his definite decision for fulltime Christian work which grew out of visitation and the experiences during the final week of soliciting funds.

The highest Sunday school attendance was recorded during the eleven weeks preceding Sunday, December 5, which was the fifth anniversary of the church. Persons who had attended Sunday school ten times of the eleven Sundays were given a plate with the picture of the completed church on it and a short history inscribed on the reverse side.

Approximately 95 per cent of the resident membership made definite commitments or pledges, for definite amounts or to tithe their income. A number of families began tithing for the first time as a result of the campaign.

During the campaign, a weekly bulletin giving details and progress reports was issued. A brochure with a picture history of the church was supplied to the membership.

The total pledged on a three year basis was \$80,656. Plans are being drawn for the completion of the entire building and it is hoped that construction will start in early spring.

Editor's Note: B. J. Murrie is editor of the Illinois Baptist, Carbondale, Ill.

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## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTIN HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Record Record.

### Husband Wants Divorce Question:

My husband and I have lived together for 21 years. We have six children, the three youngest ones are in their teens, when they really need a daddy. But my husband wants a divorce. He has broken up another man's home and says that he does not love me anymore.

I don't believe in divorce because the Bible is against it, but what am I to do? I cry and pray and beg him to give up this woman, but it does no good.

### Answer:

What can you do? If you have any kind of justice in the courts of law in your part of the world, the judge will make this creature that calls himself a "man" to provide for you and your children. It is a little late after 21 years for your husband to decide that he doesn't love you. I would sue him for everything he has and everything he can make for the rest of his life.

That last sentence is an exaggeration, of course. Don't get revenge, even by law. It never pays. But you have a right to economic support after bearing a man six children.

Perhaps there are reasons for this man leaving you. That is worth thinking about. Even middle-aged women can remain attractive, interesting, and affectionate, if they have the will to do so. How much do you weigh? Do you watch complexion and disposition? Are you a good cook and a good housekeeper?

Crying and begging are poor techniques for winning back a wayward husband. Why don't you try being such a delightful wife that only a fool would leave you. Then you will make it, even if he plays the fool.

**Editor's Note:** Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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## DOCTRINALLY SPEAKING: THE LORD'S SUPPER

By W. Barry Garrett

The "Voice of America," our nation's propaganda radio that is heard around the world in many languages, some months ago was investigated on two charges. One was that the station was improperly located, thus impairing the efficiency of its signals. The other was that some of the personnel had been tainted with Communism, thus the message could not faithfully represent true American principles.

These accusations, whether true or not, illustrate two serious errors relating to the Lord's Supper, which might be considered the "Voices of Christianity" (Cf. 1 Cor. 11:26 ASV or RSV). An improper location for the Lord's Supper handicaps the efficiency of its witness, and an erroneous purpose violates its message.

The Lord's Supper is one of two perpetual ordinances given by the Lord to his churches. Its purpose is to proclaim "the Lord's death until he comes." The nature of the observance is a "memorial" occasion during which time attention is focused on the shed blood and broken body of Jesus—his atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The proper location for the Lord's Supper is a New Testament church (Cf. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Cor. 11:19ff). Jesus gave the ordinance to his church. In every instance in the New Testament where the ordinance was observed it was by the disciples as a church. In no case in the New Testament was the ordinance observed by a group other than the body of Christ.

In order for the message of the Lord's Supper to get through to the world with a clear signal it must be observed by a New Testament church.

With the divisions of Christendom many diverging purposes have been assigned to the Lord's Supper. Some say that the bread and wine are supernaturally changed into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus (transubstantiation). Others say that the very presence of Jesus is in the elements (consubstantiation). The New Testament picture is that of bread and wine, representing the body and blood of Jesus.

The observance of the Lord's Supper is a simple memorial meal refreshing our memory as to how we are redeemed.

The right location and the correct message of the Lord's Supper is a church of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting together in fellowship, partaking of the bread and wine, "proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes."

W. Barry Garrett is editor of the ARIZONA BAPTIST BEACON and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

## Southern Baptists Train Non-College Preachers

By Dr. R. O. Leavell

God-called preachers must be trained. In my inaugural address, October 1, 1946, I declared that always this Seminary would have a large place and a warm welcome for God-called preachers who could not go to college. Our department of Christian Training offers a magnificent two-year course to them. Separate classes with work adapted to their needs are maintained throughout. Of the seven hundred ninety-one students enrolled this session, one hundred fifty-three are in this department, and ninety-one of them are ministers. No Southern Baptist Convention seminary refuses them.

### Baptist State Convention Schools

Thousands of older preachers get into the academies, junior colleges and senior colleges supported by state Baptist conventions. Some colleges, such as Furman, foster week-long schools in various sections of their respective states, with their faculty members teaching. Others, such as Oklahoma Baptist University, foster summer sessions for non-college ministers. Howard, Richmond, Ouachita, Campbellsville, Carson-Newman and others have vast extension courses in many city centers all over their respective states, taught by competent instructors, giving college credit for work done. Thousands upon thousands of non-college preachers are being trained in basic college work.

### Seminary Extension Department

The five Southern Baptist Convention seminaries teach theological studies through the vast work of the Seminary Extension Department. It fosters classroom work of the Seminary Extension Department. It fosters classroom work and correspondence courses. It is directed by Rev. Lee Gallman, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Classes have been set up in sixty-six areas, from coast to coast. More than three thousand have enrolled in the past four years. The future possibilities are unlimited. Some credit is given on seminary diplomas of graduation. It is on a solid academic level.

The Seminary Extension Department completely refutes the occasional charge that the Southern Baptist Convention is not training non-college preachers. It is paid for by the five seminaries. It eliminates the necessity for many new institutions with expensive buildings and costly overhead operations.

## God's Underground In Russia

Communism has not managed to kill belief in God behind the Iron Curtain. A courageous core of believers regularly crowd the few churches permitted to function.

That is the upshot of an eyewitness account in the November issue of Christian Herald, by Henrietta Bower, British researcher, who managed to "break away from the 'planned' program to see what I wanted" on a recent visit to the Soviet Union.

Church leaders of all denominations are the witting or unwitting tools of the Communist party, she reports. As one instance she cites a book presented to her in Moscow about a Peace Conference held there in 1952. In it each of 38 church leaders of Russia, satellite countries, and some outside the Iron Curtain, lead up to a condemnation of the bacteriological warfare which they stated was being waged by American aggressors in Korea.

What about the churches themselves? Moscow was once known as a city of 1,000 churches, Mrs. Bower points out. During the war some fifty were opened "as a political device to bolster the Kremlin tyranny in its hour of need." None has been opened since. The churches are tightly jammed on Sundays, and those "I visited on weekdays were comfortably full."

According to official figures there are 25,000 churches open in Russia today. With a few simple calculations based on other official data, Mrs. Bower shows why these figures seem absurd. Moreover, she reports that "Whenever these figures were given by a minister or priest, there was visible unease of man-

ner. There was always the Party watch-dog, the spy from the Council of Religious Affairs, listening to whatever the ecclesiastic said.

For 'peace conferences' of church leaders, paper is supplied most liberally. I could not buy anywhere a single Christian prayer book or instruction book enabling parents to teach their beliefs to their children. Comments concerning the pitiable state of the hymnbooks being shared in the Baptist chapel and why they had no new ones brought the reply that hymnbooks were unnecessary as they all knew the hymns by heart.

"Parents, and parents only, are allowed to teach religion to children under eighteen. Sunday schools are barred. Until the war, parents who taught religion to their children, even in the privacy of their homes, risked having the children taken away from them and put into a state orphanage."

The believers the author observed crowding into churches in the U. S. S. R. belong to some 15 denominations, among which are Baptists, Methodists, Seventh Day Adventists (Spiritual Christians, and Roman Catholics. There were Moslems and Buddhists beside.

"I saw a number of these different congregations at prayer," the author reports. "They all had a common characteristic: fervor and absorption, the visible fruit of persecution."

"I am convinced," she concludes, "that the hidden practice of beliefs is far greater than what is showing, like the iceberg with its peak above water and the broad base hidden beneath."

lasting punishment in Hell is incompatible with Christianity as a religion of love.

The approved report said the question of Hell should not be discussed either in committee or Parliament.

"It can only find its solution," it said, "on a spiritual level within the Church itself. The committee majority finds, however, that the government in some cases will have to take action in confessional matters to decide what can be taught within the Confessional Church. The majority therefore finds that the government is not to be criticized."

**Editor's Note:** In other words we have here an example of the government telling the preachers, what he can or cannot preach that is one of the many reasons Baptists believe in separation of church and state.

## Norwegians End 'Hell' Controversy

OSLO — (RNS) — The Norwegian Parliament unanimously approved a committee report which stated that theological disputes must ultimately be resolved with the Church itself but that there are times when the government must intervene to decide what can be taught by the Church.

Norway has a State Church. Some 96 per cent of its more than three million people are members of the established Lutheran Church.

By its action, Parliament probably put an end to a theological controversy known as the "Hell-discussion" which has stirred the country for more than a year.

In February, the Norwegian Cabinet declared that Bishop Kristian Schjelderup of Hamar was not unfaithful to his ordination pledges in maintaining that the conception of an ever-

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## Critics Helped Me

By DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN  
Graceville, Florida

During my last year in the Southern Seminary (1915-'16) I served several months as interim pastor of Calvary Church in Louisville, Kentucky. One Sunday I was noon-day guest of an elderly couple. When we had finished eating dinner the good hostess asked in a timid, hesitant way, "Brother Freeman, would you be offended if I were to point out a bad habit you have?" Assured that I would appreciate the criticism, she continued, "You often put your left hand in your pocket while preaching and rattle the coins in it. Instead of hearing your message, I find myself wondering how much money you have."

Soon after becoming pastor in Springfield, Ky., I was visiting the farm of Charles Brady, generous and devoted deacon of our church, who gave the first president's home. Campbellsville College had. When we had finished some chores at the barn, he turned to me and asked, "Do you suppose your sermon Sunday did the empty pews any good?"

I had delivered a vigorous message based upon Hebrews 10:25 (that was before I knew what the text really means), and the people who had come to hear the Gospel heard a tirade against the absentees. I got the sharp point of the inquiry. Later on I thanked that friend for his criticism; since then I have tried to feed the flock on Sunday and leave the absentees until my message to them would have a chance to do good.

During this pastorate in Springfield (1918-'23), Central Association held its fifth Sunday meeting with Brush Grove Church. Those meetings came quarterly and usually lasted from Friday evening through Sunday noon. T. E. Ennis, then pastor in Mackville, preached the doctrinal sermon on Saturday. During the noon intermission, he and I were standing apart, our hands full of the good food (that was before paper plates day), when a saintly old man joined us and asked, "Brother Ennis, is there anything about the Bible that you know for sure?"

"What do you mean?" Ennis asked after a brief pause. "Well," continued the man; "you said over and over, 'I believe,' but I don't remember your saying once 'I know,' like Paul wrote it." I, too, had noticed the "vain repetition" of the unthought statement, but had been too fearful to call the attention of the friend to it.

The big-hearted, square-shouldered, curly-haired saint of God, who later became superintendent of the Glendale Children's Home, looked at the ground until the pause became a bit painful. Then he put his left hand upon the arm of the old man and said, "I thank you, good friend; I shall not forget your helpful criticism. From now on I'll preach with the certainty of Paul and the as-

## THE ART OF CHRISTIAN

LIVING by Lawrence McCafferty (G. P. Putman's Sons, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, \$3) sets forth the basic truths of Christianity. The author traces Christianity back to first principles. While it examines both Protestant and Catholic dogma objectively, it is primarily not concerned with creeds but with the intimate relation between man and his God. "The purpose of this work," the author writes, "is to draw attention to the fact that the religion of Our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be fitted into a neat little scheme worked out by historians and held up for inspection. . . . Christianity is Christ; and Christ is Life. . . . This book will interest only those to whom Jesus Christ is more than a myth or an historical figure." The author is an instructor in philosophy, comparative religion and world culture at the University of California in Los Angeles. Order from The Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Bigbee Church in Monroe County. Rev. Price Edwards is the pastor.

urance of John, as expressed in their epistles."

After becoming editor of the Baptist and Reflector (Tennessee), I was with Lockeland Church, Nashville, in a revival. The late William McMurry was pastor. His gracious companion is now serving the southern W. M. U. She and I were standing in the vestibule of the church building one evening after the service had ended. When the way was clear, she turned to me and said, "Dr. Freeman, if you could realize the big difference in your audience when your face lights up with joy and that which I sense among people when you speak as if you were really angry, you would, I am sure, cultivate that pleasant expression."

Like the many "vain repetitions" of the ministry, I had been unaware of this bad habit. So the kindly suggestion from a gracious friend helped to enable me through the following years to do a better job of representing the Master when I tried to preach.

Forty-five years have passed since I surrendered to preach. On May 31, 1954 I celebrated my fortieth anniversary as an ordained minister of our beloved Baptist faith. Whatever success I may have achieved and whatever polish I have attained have come in much fuller measure because gracious friends and loved ones cared too much for me to be willing to let me go onward in my service, unaware of bad habits that handicapped my labors.

So I thank God for the critics who took the callow youth, the mature man and now the aging servant in hand and told him of his faults.



Cleta Dukes Linda Miley

Shown above are two Sunday School pupils of the White Oak Church in Smith County.

Cleta Dukes, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Dukes, has a perfect attendance record for more than six years. She is a member of the Junior class.

Linda Miley, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miley, has a perfect attendance record for more than one year. She is a member of the Primary class.

Rev. G. O. Parker is the pastor.

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Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. M. P. Jones, Pope; Rev. C. O. Estes, Mt. Olive; Rev. J. S. Conner, Jackson; Rev. Homes W. Roberson, Cetrone, Ala.; Rev. Troy B. Land, Clinton; Ted Langford, Jackson; A. D. Richardson, Carthage, A. A. Ward, Carthage; Rev. D. L. Stennis, Meridian; Rev. W. C. Wall, Rev. W. C. McGee, Lena; Otha Wingo, Clinton, Dr. W. P. Davis, Flora.

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A pastor who recently lost his entire church library by fire is anxious to get a copy of TESTS OF FAITH by Dr. P. I. Lipsey. Anyone having one of these books that they can give to the brother may send it to the editor of the Baptist Record and he will forward it to the proper party.

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A NEW LOOK AT JOB by Rev. A. Ernest Wundt (\$2) is an unusual piece of writing on a Biblical subject based on the book of Job. He states that the underlying motive has been three-fold: First, to arouse new interest in the Book of Job. Second, to provide material against the ever-present rainy day of unbelief with respect to the verbally-inspired and Divinely-given Word of God. Third, not only to point a finger at the constantly moving shadow around the "sundial" of our present-day trends, movements, events. Rev. R. S. Beal, pastor of First Church, Tucson, Arizona, says of the book: "Your exposition of Job is unique and I am positive your book will make a vital contribution to the vast amount of material already published in connection with the book of Job. Your applications of truth are to the point and reveal a keen insight into God's message." Orders should be sent to the publisher, The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Massachusetts, or to the Baptist Book Store.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. John W. Steen, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. George H. Gay, Marianna, Florida; C. W. Barnes, Atlanta, Georgia; Lee McIlwain, Jackson; Dr. D. Swah Haworth, Lumberton, North Carolina; Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Prince, Honolulu, Hawaii (and Jackson).

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The many friends of Alvyn Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore of Pelahatchie, will be interested to know that he is giving his graduate recital at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas on December 16. Mr. Moore attended Hinds Junior, and in 1952 received the Bachelor of Music degree from Mississippi Southern. He will graduate with the degree of Master of Sacred Music from Southwestern on January 14. During the past few months he has been engaged as interim-director of Music and Education at the Trinity Church in Dallas. Following graduation he will go to the First Church at McAlester, Oklahoma, as Minister of Music.

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Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, is the new director of the Baptist Publishing House, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was unanimously elected by the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds Missionary T. B. Stover, who died May 11, 1954.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Dora Lou Waggoner, Jackson; Mary Lois Rice, Jackson; Alice M. Okamura, Honolulu, Hawaii; Nan N. Tamanahe, Honolulu, Hawaii; Rev. L. J. Crumby, Sunflower; Rev. W. R. Prince, Walnut; William Prince, Walnut; T. D. Rice, Jr., Belzoni; Barney Loper, DeKalb; Rev. John P. Vandercook, Tinsley; Sylvia Cotton, Jackson; Charlie Deese, Jackson.

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DAYBREAK AT SAMPEY PLACE by Frances Fitzpatrick Wright (Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.50) is a delightful book about a delightful little girl called Judy. When her folks inherited a house in town they packed up to leave their place in the country, nearly breaking Judy's heart. Finally exciting news comes to the lively, lovable Judy that changes the family plans, and "a new day dawns at Sampey Place." Young girls will particularly enjoy this book so ably illustrated in black and white by Margaret Ayer who studied art in Philadelphia, Rome and Paris. The author lives in a delightful old Tennessee farmhouse much like the one described in the story. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.



## Southern Baptist Leaders Pursue Problem of Aging

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)

— A group of Southern Baptist leaders have recommended that the Christian Life Commission pursue an intensive research on the problem of the increasing numbers of the aged. Called together by A. C. Miller, Nashville executive secretary of the Commission, the men and women asked Miller and his Commission, "To undertake a serious research of this field, including, first, a presentation of facts; second, a summary of what is being done by society generally and by Baptists in particular; and third, the proposal of a comprehensive Southern Baptist program. This research would be made by competent enlisted personnel, with care being given to include representation of those affected agencies which would be expected to implement the program."

The request was formally stated in a report of the findings committee for the group consisting of Porter Routh, chairman and executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee; W. L. Howse, Baptist Sunday School Board, Wayne Oates, Louisville, Ky.; A. C. Miller, Nashville, and Joe W. Burton, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The findings committee in its report also said that: "The challenge basically is related to family living; institutional care as a social policy is to be thought of as an expediency when family life is unequal to the need. Churches may well consider a readjustment of program and of architecture to serve the aging, just as they have well done for infancy and the early years. We commend the Sunday School Board for the alert consideration being given to the life adjustment needs during maturity."

Martin Bradley, statistician in the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, pointed out that recent findings of the Federal Security Agency revealed:

"There are now nearly 13,000,000 persons in the United States 65 years old and older. The number of this age is increasing by 400,000 each year. The total represents 1 in 12 of the population today compared to only 1 in 25 in 1900. Of the 13,000,000 at least 10,000,000 live in households which include relatives, thus pointing up the interrelated nature of the situation. Eight of the ten states in which this age group is increasing most rapidly are in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The whole new science of gerontology has been developed in recent years as an expression of the social awareness of this problem."